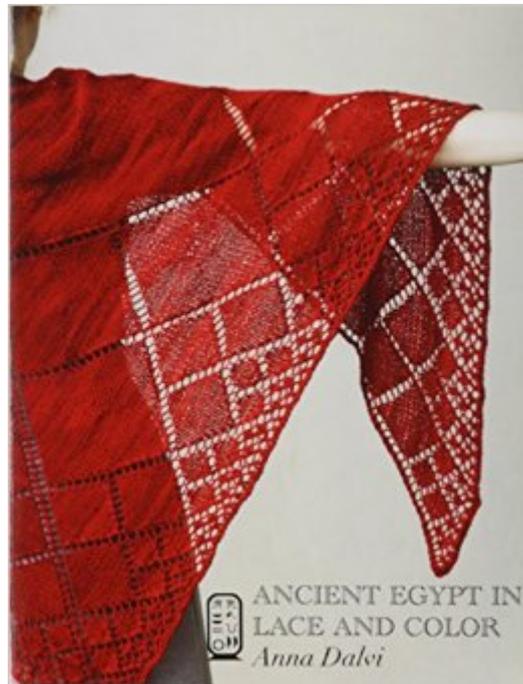


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ANCIENT EGYPT IN LACE AND COLOR is a paperback collection of 12 attractive lace shawl patterns. Each pattern is introduced by the entertaining Egyptian folk tale or historical fact that inspired the shawl. For example, the "Osiris" shawl has motifs (13 full moons, a fish, and leaves) that symbolize the 14 pieces of Osiris' body and the cedar tree where Osiris' coffin lodged after floating down the Nile. All of the patterns are charted (no written out instructions). The charts are large and easy to read without using a photocopier to enlarge them. Color photographs show each shawl on a model and also laid out completely flat, so that you can see all the details. The text and matte photos are printed on lightweight paper that's just one step above newsprint. I purchased my copy from a non-seller for about \$27, and was a little surprised at the paper quality. However, given that comparable shawl patterns are often sold online for \$6 to \$10 each, perhaps the price is reasonable. The book also includes a very short list of suggestions for further reading on Egyptian mythology, art, religion, symbols, and daily life. The shawl models are knit from various indie dyers' yarns (Cephalopod Yarns, Claudia Hand Painted Yarns, Indigodragonfly, Rocky Mountain Dyeworks, the Verdant Gryphon, Zen Yarn Garden), and links to the dyers' web sites are included. As with nearly all lace shawl patterns, other laceweight yarns can be easily substituted. Most of the patterns require one 40-inch, US 6 circular needle; some patterns require a US 1-1/2, US 2-1/2, US 3, or US 5 circular needle. Photos of the individual shawls (Osiris, Fields of Malachite, Seth, Girl With the Rose Red Slippers, Memphis, Nefer, Anubis, Nefertari, R and Apep, Egyptian Gold, Bennu,

Thoth) are available on the publisher's web site. I rate this book at 4 stars ("I like it" on the official scale).

I got this book as a First Read Winner and it is quiet stunning. I love the stories and patterns in the book and I can't wait until I will be able to master one. I think you would have to be an advanced knitter to master them but either way the stories make it worth your while even if you don't know how to knit. I will definitely give them a try.

Gorgeous shawls! There is a variety of shapes so everyone can find a shawl they would like to knit. Colors are lovely and the little blurb with each is a fun extra. This will become one of my favorite shawl books in the knitting bookshelf.

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